

Osage Valley Banner.

Thursday, February 20, 1879.

Let the Solons at Jefferson City provide for a State Board of Immigration as proposed by Senator Byrne.

Mr. C. H. Kiesel has taken charge of the Jefferson City Eclipse again, and he is making it a lively and interesting localizer.

Col. Hickman, the Grand Chief of the World of the good templars, lectured at the M. E. Church South, in Jefferson City, last Friday night.

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington to place Gen. Shields on the retired army list with the rank of Brigadier-General.

BIRNEY WHITFIELD, of Minnesota, who deprecates in strong terms the massacre of the Cheyennes at Fort Robinson, says: "I envy no man's head or heart who reads the last fifteen years of Cheyenne history and does not feel the deepest pity for this hunted, outlawed people. Dark as this Cheyenne tragedy is, it is only a type of our whole history of dealing with the red men."

Sarah Maria Williams, of Newburg, N. Y., threatened to hang her husband when she died, and no fooling. She stuck to her promise, contrary to the custom of most dead people, and her ghost worked on the feelings of her survivor that he ceased to be her survivor in just six months. It is to be hoped that Sarah Maria's ghostly visits will serve as a warning to other husbands, and induce them to come to an amicable understanding with the spirits of their wives while they are yet in the flesh.

The fondness of literary readers continues to increase the circulation of the New York Ledger; it is constantly growing in reputation and in power until it has become the most successful literary and family paper of which we have any knowledge. No other paper can show such a list of illustrious contributors; it appeals to and gratifies every wholesome literary and educational taste, keeping pace with the genius and spirit of American progress. Published by ROBT. BOWEN, New York, at \$3 per year.

Gen. T. S. Rosser, Chief Engineer of the Northern Pacific Railroad, whose name will be remembered in connection with the Acklen restaurant scandal in Washington, and who is widely known as a man of practical ideas, heartily endorsed Senator Windom's scheme of colonizing the colored people of the South. General Rosser is at present located at Bismarck, Dakota, superintending the construction of the Northern Pacific, and he looks upon that territory as peculiarly adapted in soil and climate, to the needs of the colored race.

For the protection of farmers in large corn growing counties, who find a market for their crops in the demands of stock feeders, Mr. Collins, of Lafayette, has introduced a bill giving the farmer a lien on the stock of the feeder containing his produce. This bill will effect a radical change in localities where large quantities of stock are fed, and will operate as a complete protection against a class of sharks who drive their stock into a neighborhood, fatten them for market on the farmer's products, then sell them, and let the farmer wait for his money. It will be nothing to the advantage of honest feeders who intend to pay for what their stock consumes; it will rather be an advantage for such, as it will save the trouble of making satisfactory arrangements for payment of their forage bills—it being understood that the law gives the farmer a lien on all the stock fed on his premises out of his produce, and unless the stock die he is always secured. Such a law is eminently just and proper, and ought to be enacted.—Jeff. City Tribune.

PETERSON'S MAGAZINE, for March is an unusually brilliant number. It opens with a spirited illustration, engraved on steel, "Let Me Catch You, You Young Rogues." This is followed by a double-size colored fashion plate, which is altogether the most beautiful we have ever seen. Then comes a double size pattern for a tidy, on Java Canyon, printed in the appropriate colors. Then a charming engraving, illustrating a powerful written story, "My Evening Star." Then about fifty other engravings, illustrating the latest fashions, patterns for the Work-Table, &c., &c. The stories in this number are even better than usual, and they are always remarkably good in "Peterson." A SUPPLEMENT is sent out with the number, with a full-size pattern for the latest style of Polonaise. It is a standing wonder to us, as to all others, how so superior a magazine can be published at so low a price; and it is only to be explained, as the publisher explains it, as a consequence of an enormous circulation. He "prefers a small profit," he says, "on a large edition, to a large profit on a small edition." No lady should be without this magazine. The terms are but Two Dollars a year, with great deductions to clubs, and handsome premiums to persons getting up clubs. Specimens are sent, gratis, to persons wishing to get up clubs, so that ladies may judge for themselves before subscribing. Address: CHAS. J. PETERSON, 300 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

REVISION.

The Senate and House Committees on Revision have got into a most unfortunate snarl—one that certainly will be detrimental to the public service, if allowed to continue. It appears to outsiders that pride of opinion has a good deal to do with it and that there has not been that earnest desire for harmony manifested which the public interest demands. The work of revision is the most important

matter before the General Assembly, and will require a faithful use of every hour of the session for its proper completion. Surely a road to harmonious action and hearty cooperation can be found within compromising any member's manhood, and it should be diligently sought and faithfully followed. It is a failure to complete the revision of the laws was to effect only the members whose folly brought it about, they might very well say "we assume the responsibility." We hear one committee claiming that the resolution under which the revision committee were appointed is unconstitutional, and see the other refusing to ask the opinion of the law officers of the State on the subject. These things we tell them plainly ought not to be so, and the thinking men in and out of the Legislature are of the same opinion.—Tribune.

Something the People Want.

Now as the representatives of the people are in session, their minds should be fresh to the wants of the great masses of their constituents.

The people want relief on the revenue question, the terrible hard times for the last eight or ten years; contraction of monetary matters, depreciation of real and personal property, loss of confidence in commercial circles have brought the tax paying public to the brink of ruin, with heavy loads of back taxes, to carry through the dark valleys and shadows of death; without a staff to support them in their weary journey. The Legislature is the place all eyes are now turned, anxiously employing relief, to keep the poor out of the grasp of land pirates and the moneyed oligarchy of the country.

Another matter; roads, highways and the improvement of our rivers. Adopt a system of gravel roads leading from the capital to the county seats of the several counties in Central Missouri; connect the State University, Linn and other asylums at Fulton; to Osage Valley and the rich coal banks west this can be done by utilizing surplus convict labor.

Adopt an immigration bureau to invite emigration and capital to the State, encourage counties to join the same.

Have the same, and iron work wrought and prepared, for one lock and dam on the Osage at Osage's mouth; by convict labor, in the walls of the prison. Memorialize Congress for an appropriation sufficient to transport this material and put it in place, and make provision to rent out the water power for manufacturing purposes.

Another: one of the most important is the keeping up the Register of Lands and attach thereto, a Surveyor Gen'l. Department. The original surveys of the Government, in section 20 of the public lands in the state, near all the original corners and witness trees are obliterated, a man owning a small tract of land at this time, (which there are thousands upon thousands now in the State) employ county surveyors, and lines and establish corners, the county Surveyor frequently has to run three or four miles from an old corner, which by chance may be found, before he can make a corner or establish any thing like a correct line around these small tracts of land; the cost of these small surveys is frequently the worth of the land—A re-survey of all the lands in the State is imperative, to establish mile and half mile corners.

Another, to save an useless expenditure of money in the rebuilding of Asylum No. 2 place it at the Capital of the State; do the work with prison labor—all material can be procured at less expense in Jefferson City than any other point in the State.

The people want their representatives to come down to business; stop this hanging over Committee clerks, Supreme Court wash tubs, Treasurer Gates and Warden Willis—thousands of good men, honest men and honorable men have been broken up, destroyed and wiped out of public favor by the machinations and scheming of political demagogues and avowed lusts of Koves—They set to work and start a tidal wave on the public mind against certain persons they seek to destroy; that wave increases and goes with such force it not only destroys the intended victims, but when it has spent its force and made its destructive pathway to its terminus, they look back, and are ready to exclaim, "see what we have done," had this mad, reckless persecution not taken place we would not have lost our manhood destroyed good men, good representatives pause and look ere it be too late.

Revise the laws; prune out the bad and obnoxious parts, engrave good and wholesome laws; finish up your work like good and faithful servants; go home and receive the plaudits of your masters.

The investigation of the State Treasurer is in progress; nothing startling developed as yet.

Charges of immorality have been preferred against the Chaplin of the Texas House of Representatives.

Mary Ann Vickers, of Madison county, asks Mo. newspapers to confer a favor by advertising for her lost husband, Eli Vickers. We haven't heard of him.

Dr. Storms of Rolla says: "A legislature that would adopt the whipping-post as a mode of punishment for a certain class of criminals, is fast leaning towards cannibalism."

We acknowledge receipt of the report of the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Auditor and Treasurer, and our thanks to senator Headlee for the report of the Railroad Commissioners.

The work of the Secretary of the Treasury for the month of January is summed up in

the fact that he called in \$150,000,000 per cent bonds and substituted 4 per cents. This is one half of the total amount he expected to get in during 1879. It is a remarkable fact that more 6's were called during the month of January than for any other twelve months in the history of the Government. During the month 600,000 standard silver dollars were ordered from the Treasury, but gold and silver continue to accumulate.

Springfield Times.

The following is the production of one of the High School girls of Carthage, which was recently found on her street: "Dear Lot: Don't come this year next week and leave me, cause its exasperating week and I am 1 must study my lesson every night. Come as much as you please next week, and bring a whole parcel of gum drops, but don't bring any more candy babies and fishes. Give the point on em make me puke. As ever, your Maria."

"The Republican insists on it, the most interesting question for the Missouri legislature to consider is how to get the biggest possible share of the emigration that will start westward as soon as the blue-birds begin to sing this Spring. Missouri has hundreds of thousands of acres of the best land that can be bought from two to ten dollars an acre, and if Kansas increased its population 200,000 in 1879, we can add at least 100,000 more than that to our numbers during the current year, if we go to work in the right way."—St. Louis Republican.

Several State Legislatures are considering the expediency of issuing bonds of low denominations for the double purpose of giving the people more currency and of relieving State necessities. A proposition now pending before the Missouri Legislature is to submit to the voters, for ratification or rejection, on the first Monday in May, 1879, a constitutional amendment as follows:

Second—Authorizing a form of indebtedness to be known as Missouri Popular Relief Bonds, to the amount of not less than one million nor more than two million dollars.

Third—Said bonds to bear interest at the rate of one per cent, per annum and to be payable principal and interest at the same time to bearer thirteen years after date of issue, in any money that may be a legal tender at that time.

Fourth—Said bonds to be of size and general appearance of government notes, the title of the same paying by simple delivery.

Fifth—Said bonds to be of denominations as follows: One-half of the denomination of \$1.00 each, one quarter of the denomination of \$2.00 each, one quarter of the denomination of \$5.00 each.

Sixth—Said bonds to be receivable in payment of 10 per cent, of any year's taxes as due to the State excepting a levies made for payment of debts heretofore contracted, and then to be cancelled.

Seventh—Said bonds to be paid out on all expenditures of the State, excepting, in payment of debts heretofore contracted, until the whole amount shall have been disposed of.

Eighth—Creating an annual sinking fund, beginning three years after date of issue, for payment of such bonds as shall not have been redeemed in taxes as other due of the State at or before maturity, together with interest thereon.

Ninth—Barring of payment all such bonds as shall not have been presented within one year after maturity.

Tenth—Turning over to the State Public School fund all of said sinking fund revenue that may not be needed, for payment of said bonds and interest one year after maturity.

St. Louis Market.

February 17, 1879.
Wheat, No 2 red, 1.01; Corn, mixed No 2 at 39; Oats, N 2 23; Rye, No. 2, 43; Cut the above, native shipping steers, 1400 to 1550 lbs., \$5.00 to \$4.70; light and fair, 1.05 to 1.25; No. 3 70 to 1.45; butchers steers fair to good 90 to 1.10; No. 3 25 to 4.30; stock, fair and weaker, light shipping \$3.65 to 3.90; Land \$4.25 Potatoes 65 to 75c. Butter, prime and strictly choice 28 to 30c. Eggs 10 to 1c. Sorghum 18 to 25c per gal. Dried apples 25 to 35c per lb. Dried peaches 3 to 3 1/2c per lb. Navy beans \$1.60 per bu.; Pure, active and firm, other No. 1, \$3 to 3.50 No. 2, \$2 to 2.50; No. 3, 75c to \$1; No. 4, 25 to 50c; Mink No. 1, 35 to 40c; No. 2, 25 to 30c; No. 3, 10c; Raccoon No. 1, 50 to 65c; No. 2, 35 to 40c; No. 3, 20 to 25c. Skunk, black 1.00 to 1.10; short-strip 60 to 65c; narrow strip 35 to 45c; broad 60 to 15c. Deer skins 15 to 18c.

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Reserve for Unpaid Losses, —	68,252.42
Commissions due Agents, —	5,949.43
Unpaid Dividends, —	1,165.75
Net Surplus over Capital and all Liabilities, —	138,301.57

\$892,114.03

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS:

BONDS: —	\$93,500.00
(Missouri State 4 1/2% 1880) 736,380.03	
Cash in Bank or Commerce, —	24,478.41
Cash in Company's Office, —	1,892.72
Balance in hands of Agents, —	39,064.90

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